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STEEL RAILS.

Louis Houck Took Advantage

Of the Low Prices and Secured Steel to Take the Place of the Iron Rails From Cape Girardeau to Hunter.

The St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith is to be made a new railroad, Louis Houck, the principal owner and receiver for this road has secured new steel rails to re-build the road from Cape Girardeau to Hunter. From Cape Girardeau to Delta the track has already been re-laid with steel and that part of the road is now as fine as any railroad in the State. There will be no time lost in re-building the road from one end to the other. When the steel rails are laid we will have one hundred miles of first-class railroad extending into a country that is fast coming to the front as an agricultural section second to no other section of the State.

Mr. Houck, not content with the improvement of the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith road, is at the same time making arrangements to extend and improve Houck's Missouri & Arkansas. He is now securing the right of way for the extension of that road from Morley, in Scott county, to Morehouse, in New Madrid county and from Commerce along the river to this city.

We all know that the building of the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith put new life in our city and we must know that its proposed improvement will do much to give our city a new start, and to help the thing along we must have the H. M. & A. extended from Commerce to this city. The extension of this road would open up a new field for trade for this city. It will bring to our city an immense trade that now goes to Cairo, Illinois.

Obituary.

Miss Lizzie Poe who has been in very bad health for several months, died at her mother's home in Gordonville, February 22nd, 1897, aged 24 years, 11 months and 14 days. She professed religion two years ago and would have united with the Baptist church in this city, but her home being so far away, she decided, though afterwards not to join, expressing her sorrow many times that she did not. Neglect of duty often causes regret. She trusted the Savior and fell asleep in his blessed arms. Her spirit is visiting with unredeemed spirits in giving glory to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of the deceased, after which the mortal remains were tenderly given back to mother earth to await the coming of the angelic host where Jesus makes his second advent into the world to raise her from the tomb glorified, to go home with her Savior and Lord.

A. R. WILLETT.

Teachers' Meetings

The teachers of this county are requested to meet in the Public School Hall of Cape Girardeau on March 6th at 1:30, for the purpose of affixing such an organization as will promote the educational interests of our county.

In this organization we hope to bring together all the teachers of the county—private, public and Normal. By this means there will be not only an exchange and diffusion of ideas and methods, but a system of articulation of the schools established.

A unity of interest and purpose, and a brotherhood of feeling established that will give an impetus to educational thought in our county.

We hope to have a fair representation of the teachers at our first meeting.

Very respectfully,

J. S. MCGHEE.

B. F. LUSK.

E. E. MCCULLOUGH.

How to Get a Public Office.

Many desirable offices are within the gift of the new administration. Those who wish to know what place can be had and how to get them, can obtain this information by sending 75 cents to Soule & Co., Washington, D. C., for the "U. S. Blue Book," showing all government offices and salaries with Civil Service rules, sample examination questions, etc.

Under present laws women stand an equal chance with men for positions that insure a comfortable income for life. The "Blue Book" gives complete instruction for office seekers of both sexes, and is besides a valuable book of reference much in demand.

LEGAL EXECUTIONS.

Death Penalty Must Be Inflicted at the Penitentiary.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—The legislature to-day voted a radical change in the manner of conducting legal executions. The House passed Senator Peers' bill providing that death penalties shall be inflicted within the walls of the penitentiary. The vote stood 79 to 29.

The bill provides that all executions shall be under the direction of the Penitentiary Warden. He is allowed the privilege of deputizing any person to perform the work.

The Sheriff of the county from which the condemned prisoner comes is presumed to be in attendance and provision is also made for the admission of clergymen, physicians and reporters.

By reason of a slight House amendment the bill must be returned to the Senate. It is understood, however, that the amendment will be readily concurred in.

The amendment in question changes the bill so that the Warden shall not be designated as "executioner" although the bill as it now stands provides that the executions shall take place under direction of the Warden.

Mark Hanna's Declarations.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 22.—M. A. Hanna consented this afternoon to talk regarding the announcement that Gov. Bushnell had decided to appoint him United States Senator to succeed Sherman.

"I received," said he, "a letter from Gov. Bushnell this morning apprising me of his intention to appoint me. I have written a reply to Gov. Bushnell, thanking him for the honor which he has bestowed upon me, and in particular for advising me of his intention in advance of the resignation of Senator Sherman. It gives me a chance to prepare my plans for my new place in life. Gov. Bushnell doubtless felt that the sentiment in Ohio toward me was such that he had better make the appointment. I shall do all in my power to be worthy of the honor. As far as my policy goes, it will be to aid the McKinley administration, and in particular to assist in framing at once a tariff bill which will seek to restore confidence to the country and give a stimulus to our industries. That is now the chief purpose of my life."

A Chance for the Silverites.

If there is no other business before the meeting, we beg to direct the attention of the free silver brethren to an opportunity for a trial of their pet system which they cannot afford to ignore. It is in the Argentine Republic, where gold is now held at a premium of 200 per cent. The people down there are fairly wallowing in cheap money; they have currency to burn, such as it is, and if the government keeps on grinding it out it will soon be stacked up in the market like baled hay. The free coiners ought to invade that country and claim it for their own. It is a place after their own hearts, where the idea that the government can make people rich by issuing a circulating medium that nobody wants is raging as violently as the buckwheat rash in a country school.—New York Mail and Express.

Populistic Logic.

The glee of the Populist organs over bank failures and personal assignments leads one to remark that while it was predicted the election of Bryan would have cut all debts in two the debtors now seem able to contrive settlements that will get them out of their obligations at a considerably less rate. The number of failures has shown a great decrease since the third week in January, and at the worst an insignificant percentage of debts has been scaled in this way, while silverism would have led to universal defaulting of creditors. We can congratulate ourselves that Americans as a nation are honorable, no matter how many individual cases of rascality have been brought to light recently. Populists are as illogical on this as on other subjects.—Louisville Courier Journal.

This is Worth Reading.

For the purpose of advancing our College we will give a thorough course of instruction in Book-keeping and modern business methods by mail free of charge to a limited number of persons. This course will be completed in forty lessons. Class will be organized in a few days. Full particulars free upon application. Address: The American Business College, Omaha, Nebraska.

OPPOSE THE "HANGING BILL."

Jefferson City Has No Desire to Compete With Fort Smith.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—The people of Jefferson City are not pleased with the passage of the bill which provides for all public executions to take place within the walls of the penitentiary. This quiet, staid old town has none of the dash of Cripple Creek, and there is no disposition on the part of its citizens to have their town made famous as a second edition of Fort Smith. They argue this will be the inevitable result of the "hanging bill," as they call it. Down at Fort Smith they have hangings with startling frequency, but when it comes to bringing all of the condemned murderers from the 114 counties of the state into one place to be executed, there is a probability that the Fort Smith record will be broken so far as the number of hangings is concerned. The penitentiary authorities are especially sorry that the bill has passed and is to become a law. There is nobody at the penitentiary who wants to have the title of hangman. However, the opposition to the bill is not entirely unanimous here, and among those who see no special objection is Representative Pope of Cole county, in which Jefferson City is located. The slight amendment made by the House which caused the bill to be sent back to the Senate is practically agreed upon, and unless it should happen that Gov. Stephens should decline to affix his signature, the "hanging bill" is certain to become a law. No emergency clause is attached, and the bill will not become effective until the regulation time has elapsed after its passage.

Cape Girardeau County Farmers' Fire Insurance Society.

This society was organized in 1888 by the German population in the neighborhood of Gordonville and Tilsit, and for several years it was only a small organization, but now the organization has grown to be a great society and has taken the lead in the way of insurance on farm buildings, farm implements, hay, grain, etc.

To show how this society has prospered in the last few years I will give you a few items together with the proceedings of the last annual meeting held at Tilsit, February 20th, 1897.

On this occasion the meeting organized by the selection of Charles Bartels as chairman, and Henry Reifol, secretary, John Pense of near Tilsit, was elected a member of the Board of Directors for a term of three years.

David Looney was elected deputy collector for the Millerville District, Henry Koehler for the Oak Ridge District and Albert Foechnbach for the Egypt Mills District.

The meeting adopted a resolution changing Article V, Section 10 of the constitution. The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That all notices to members for payment of assessments be by postal cards, and that each and every payment shall be made within fifty days from date of notice, and if not then paid the member shall be barred from any benefits from this society. Provided, however, that he or she may be reinstated within thirty days by paying all assessments made prior to that time and an additional secretary's fee of twenty-five cents.

A resolution of thanks to the Hon. School Board of the Tilsit School District for their courtesy and kindness and for the use of the school house on this occasion was adopted.

From the annual report I will give a few items only, fearing this article is already too lengthy. The society at this time has a membership of 1075, a gain since last annual meeting of 220 members. The assessed valuation of insured property amounts to \$1,297,212, an increase of \$183,469 in the last year. The total receipts by assessments last year amounts to \$3,988.60, and the losses paid and other expenses amounts to \$2,571.25, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,417.35.

John Pense is president of the society, Herman Gereke, treasurer, and H. F. Uelecke, secretary. Persons desiring to correspond with the society should address H. F. Uelecke, Gordonville, Mo.

Yours truly,

H. F. UELECKE, Sect.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, March 20th at 2 o'clock p. m. at the site of the bridge, let the contract for building a wooden bridge with stone pillars across the creek near the residence of Joseph Medley on the road leading from the Cape Girardeau and Jackson gravel road to the Jackson and Dutchtown road.

N. C. FRISSELL.

R. and B. Com.

CATTLE QUARANTINE LINES.

Missouri Adopts Strict Regulations Against Arkansas.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—The State Board of Agriculture concluded a two days' session here to-day and as a result announced the establishment of cattle quarantine lines for the state on the lines established by the general government, with the exception of the State of Arkansas, which is quarantined against entirely. The board says that Texas fever is to be found all over Arkansas.

This was the only business of general importance transacted by the board. The quarantine proclamation which is voluminous, will be promulgated in a few days by the secretary of the board.

The board also announced that it had accepted the offer of Liggett & Meyers of \$1,500 as prize money for the best newspaper articles on the tobacco industry in Missouri. The board will divide the money into seven prizes, ranging from \$500 down to \$10. The competition will be open to all country newspaper editors.

Crisp Roasted the Farmers.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 25.—Colonel John T. Crisp poured hot shot into the farmers' organization of the House this morning. The bill authorizing land owners to arrest intruders without process of law, march them before the nearest justice of the Peace, and have them fined, was up for passage. Daugherty of Howard, Rubey of Macon and other members of the farmers' organization warmly advocated it.

Colonel Crisp started out by saying that he was opposed to the bill primarily because Mr. Rubey favored it. Then he denounced the measure as a relic of barbarism, and proceeded to pay his respects to "sham farmers" and "narrow-minded legislators," in his usually vigorous way. The bill was defeated.

The North Levee Complete.

Mr. M. J. Fagan has completed the North Levee wall and it is surely a credit to him as a workman and as a citizen. Mr. Fagan tells us that in the construction of this wall he used 700 perch of stone and 2,700 yards of dirt. For this work his original contract with the city was to build the wall three feet above the ground and three feet wide, but when he began work he found that a wall of that kind would not stand on the ground where it was to be built, so he made the wall 5½ feet high and five feet wide, filled in with dirt thoroughly tramped by horses and then covered with heavy stone. We do not know what Mr. Fagan got from the city for this work but we know that it is a substantial job of work. It will be a lasting monument to Mr. Fagan whether he gets well paid for his work or not.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Mercantile Town Mutual Insurance Company of Jackson, Missouri, will be held at the office of said company in Jackson, Missouri, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. on the 10th day of March, 1897, for the purpose of voting on a proposition to alter and amend the constitution and by-laws of said company and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

LOUIS F. KLOSTERMANN, Pres.

J. W. DAUGHERTY, Sec.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of Houck's Missouri and Arkansas Railroad Company will be held at the office of said company in the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, corner of Independence and Spanish streets, on Tuesday, April 20th, 1897, to submit to said stockholders proposition to extend its line of railroad from Morley in a southerly direction a distance of approximately fifteen miles and to increase the capital stock of said company one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to issue transportation certificates as provided by law and to transact such other business as may be brought before the stockholders of said company on said day.

E. F. BLOMEYER, L. B. HOUCK, Secretary, President.

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Will Be Here.

I will be in Cape Girardeau on March 1st, 1897, and remain several days. I will be prepared to do all kinds of dental work in first-class style at living prices, and will be pleased to be at the service of all those needing work.

M. E. SHELTON, D. D. S.

Stopped Indorsements for Woodson.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 22.—Friends of S. C. Woodson, who has been nominated by the President for postmaster of St. Joseph, have been seeking testimonials from the leading silverites here, and they obtained a number, but to-day a telegram was received from C. F. Cochran, member elect to Congress from the St. Joseph district, calling a halt. His telegram to Speaker Farris reads as follows: "Washington, D. C., February 22.—To Speaker Farris, Jefferson City, Mo.: Woodson, bolter, wants Jefferson City indorsement for postmaster of St. Joseph. Was out-poken for McKinley. Tell the boys to keep hands off."

This effectually stopped the indorsement business and Mr. Woodson will get no sympathy at the capital.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

A friend may forgive, but a lover never does.

When a man carrying a baby sees a woman carrying a poodle he always looks mad.

There are only two kinds of women—one whose clothes seem to belong to her and one who seems to belong to her clothes.

When an old bachelor dies and leaves all his money to the woman who wouldn't marry him when she was a girl it is generally out of gratitude.

A girl will try to bluff, even when she has ordered four dishes on the bill of fare with French names as they all turn out to be potatoes fixed up in different ways.—New York Press.

Ballard's Snow Liment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow Liment. It will positively cure it and at once. Try it and recommend it to your friends. Sold at Wilson's drug store.

Republican Mass Meetings and City Convention.

Pursuant to the action of the City Central Committee of Cape Girardeau City, the Republicans of the several wards are requested to hold mass meetings on Thursday, March 4th, 1897, for the purpose of electing Central Committeemen in said wards as follows: 1st ward, 1 to serve two years, 2nd ward, 1 to serve two years and 1 to serve 1 year, 3rd ward, 1 to serve two years, 4th ward, 1 to serve two years.

Said ward mass meetings will also nominate candidates for Councilmen and will also choose delegates to the city convention to be held at the court house Thursday, March 18th, 1897, at 7:30 p. m.

Which said City Convention will nominate candidates for the following city offices, to-wit: Mayor, Marshal, Collector, City Attorney, Police Judge, Assessor and Treasurer.

The basis of representation at said City Convention shall be one delegate for each ten votes or fraction thereof cast for the Republican candidate for Assessor at the city election of 1895.

The places and time of said mass meetings in the wards are as follows: 1st ward, Court House, 7:30 p. m., 10 delegates.

2nd ward, Engelmann's office, 7:30 p. m., 14 delegates.

3rd ward, Steimle's shop, 7:30 p. m., 14 delegates.

4th ward, Court House, 7:30 p. m., 14 delegates.

By order of the Committee.

LOUIS H. GRAESSE, Chairman.

E. F. BLOMEYER, Secretary.

Henry Pott.

The old veteran saddler and harness maker has opened a harness shop in his old stand side of the Planters' Mill where he will offer for sale a job lot of saddles, harness, bridles, collars, buglies, etc., at very low prices for cash. Will also do repairing in his line as usual. Give him a call. He also kindly requests all that know themselves indebted to him in the old book to come and settle their accounts by cash or note. Mr. Pott has been very easy on all those that are indebted to him and the foregoing request is not out of reason.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by W. C. Haman.

How to Make \$10.

This is a great secret, and you mustn't give it away, but if you want to earn \$10 you can do it just as easily as rolling off a log, all the capital you need to start on is \$9990. You take this amount of money over to the State Savings Bank and tell them you want 10,000 silver dollars. You may have to lay down \$10,000 in greenbacks or gold, but if you do, you'll get the 10,000 silver dollars, and then President Russell will give you \$10 for taking the trouble, and he will be \$7.50 ahead by the operation. The way of it is this:

Silver dollars pile up in the vaults of a bank until they become a burden. No one wants them, and there is no way to get rid of them, except to send them to the depository at Chicago, and the people over at the depository are an arbitrary lot and won't take silver dollars all the time. In fact, if the bank here wishes to send silver it must first notify its correspondent in Chicago to make arrangements with the depository. Very frequently the bank will desire to send \$20,000 of the white metal and so notify its correspondent. He will inform the officials at the depository, and they in turn tell him that they will not take any \$20,000, but if the bank will have \$5000 there on a certain day it will be taken care of.

On one occasion the State Bank sent over a lot of silver, and it was nine days before the depository would receive it. The express company kicked because of the expense necessary to guard the stuff, and no more was sent unless the depository was first notified. It costs \$1.75 per \$1000 to send the stuff to Chicago, and that's where the State Bank can afford to give \$1 per \$1000 for taking it away and still be 75c per \$1000 to the good.—Detroit Journal.

He Took Her Whipping.

At the old South Elkhorn School one of the girls was brought up by the stern teacher to receive punishment for not knowing her lessons, and just before he commenced with his ferrule one of the larger boys stepped up before the old pedagogue and pulled off his coat, and said that he would take her whipping. To this the teacher assented, and fell afoul of him and gave him a tremendous flogging, the poor broken-hearted girl standing by and crying as if she felt every blow more sensibly than if it had been inflicted upon herself. Years passed by, but their young hearts never forgot that incident, and in due course of time they became man and wife, and lived many years as happily as any couple in the neighborhood. Lexington (Ky.) Gazette.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale a W. C. Haman's.

Notice.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., January 8, 1897.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Kennett & Osceola Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company, in Cape Girardeau, on Saturday, March 13th, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the execution of a lease of the road of this company to the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern Railroad Company and for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of eighty thousand (\$80,000) dollars bonds of this road, and the execution of a mortgage upon the property of the company to secure said bonds, and such further business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. F. BLOMEYER, President.

ROLIN B. ANDREWS, Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern Railroad Company is hereby called to be held at the office of the Company in Cape Girardeau on Saturday, March 13th, 1897, for the purpose of submitting to said Stockholders whether or not contract for lease of the Kennett & Osceola Railroad to this Company shall be ratified. Also for the purpose of considering, approving and ratifying a mortgage for the guarantee of eighty (80) bonds of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars each of the said Kennett & Osceola Railroad, and for such further business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. F. BLOMEYER, President.

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